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1. FOLLOWING PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON A NEW CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR (REFTEL), LOCAL PRESS NOV 19 REPORTS THE APPOINTMENT OF A "NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE" TO ASSIST THE DRAFTING OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION. COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF SEVEN MEMBERS, ALL LEGAL EXPERTS, HEADED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, HONORE RAKOTOMANANA.

2. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE, IT HAS BEEN IN SESSION SINCE NOV 11. IT MUST COMPLETE ALL ITS WORK NO LATER THAN NOV 20. DEFINING THE COMMITTEE'S DUTIES, ORDINANCE STATES IT "WILL BE ADDRESSED QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ELABORATION OF A NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RATSIRAKA)."

3. COMMENT: IT SEEMS EVIDENT THAT THE SO-CALLED "NATIONAL CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE" IS INTENDED TO DO NO MORE THAN PUT
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THE NECESSARY LEGAL WINDOW-DRESSING ON A DRAFT CONSTITUTION

ALREADY PREPARED AND SUBMITTED TO IT BY RATSIRAKA.SHIENBAUM

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